

Agency 90 - Nebraska Railway Council

Statutory Authority:

The Nebraska Railway Council was established in 1991 by amending Chapter 74, Article 14, Revised Statutes of 1943. In 1996, these statutes were revised to more clearly define the power and duties of the Railway Council and to change revisions relating to light-density rail assistance projects. The duties and powers of the Railway Council are outlined in 74-1413, 74-1414 and 74-1415.

Vision Statement:

The vision of the Council is to ensure that the state has rail service which contributes to the economy and well-being of Nebraska and its citizens, which enhances market competitiveness of Nebraska's industries, and which foster expansion of present business and attraction of new business.

Mission Statement:

The mission of the Council is to promote adequate and efficient rail service on light-density rail lines and rail-service oriented enterprises related to light-density rail line operators.

The principles of the Council are to balance the needs of carriers, shippers, and the public in carrying out the Light-Density Rail Line Assistance Act.

Goals:

The goals of the Council are to:

1. Facilitate the continuation of a viable light-density rail line system in Nebraska
2. Implement the financing mechanism for the public purpose of acquiring, rehabilitating or providing limited light-density rail facility construction.

Financial Data:

	Actual FY02	Approp FY03	Request FY04	Recom FY04	Request FY05	Recom FY05
General Fund	4,160	3,029	3,029	2,999	3,029	3,006
Cash Fund	0	0	0	0	0	0
Federal Fund	0	0	0	0	0	0
Revolving Fund	0	500,000	500,000	500,000	500,000	500,000
Other Fund	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total Agency	4,160	503,029	503,029	502,999	503,029	503,006

Agency 90 - Nebraska Railway Council Program 113 - Branch Rail Revitalization

Program Objectives:

Facilitate the continuation of a viable light-density rail line system in Nebraska.

Financial Data:

	Actual FY02	Approp FY03	Request FY04	Recom FY04	Request FY05	Recom FY05
General Fund	4,160	3,029	3,029	2,999	3,029	3,006
Cash Fund	0	0	0	0	0	0
Federal Fund	0	0	0	0	0	0
Revolving Fund	0	0	0	0	0	0
Other Fund	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total	4,160	3,029	3,029	2,999	3,029	3,006

Performance Measures:

Inputs:

Member(s) of the Council, or their designee, will personally inspect the rail line in consideration.

Outputs:

The Council will make their determination after careful review of written application and reports from the field inspection and investment review.

Efficiency:

Council members only receive travel expenses and one member receives a \$60/day per diem. The cost for the Council review is minimal.

Outcomes:

The number of approved projects is determined by the number of applications that satisfy Federal Railroad Administration requirements and the amount of funds in the Revolving Fund.

Quality:

The most recent project approved by the Council was to the Nebraska Central Railroad.

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Program 185 - Light - Density Revolving Fund

Program Objectives:

Implement the financing mechanism for the public purpose of acquiring, rehabilitating or providing limited light-density rail facility construction.

Financial Data:

	Actual FY02	Approp FY03	Request FY04	Recom FY04	Request FY05	Recom FY05
General Fund	0	0	0	0	0	0
Cash Fund	0	0	0	0	0	0
Federal Fund	0	0	0	0	0	0
Revolving Fund	0	500,000	500,000	500,000	500,000	500,000
Other Fund	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total	0	500,000	500,000	500,000	500,000	500,000

Performance Measures:

Utilize the funds that are deposited in the Light-Density Rail Line Assistance Revolving Fund.

Inputs:

Funds that are currently deposited in the revolving fund, as well as any other funds that may become available to the Council.

Outputs:

The number of projects that are funded is dependent upon the number of projects that are submitted that satisfy the federal requirements as well as state requirements.

Efficiency:

Based on the availability of funds, the Council will make every effort to fund as many as feasible.

Outcomes:

With the approval of the Updated Rail Plan, there will be eligible projects to fund.

Quality:

Customer satisfaction will be achieved by efficient review of proposed projects.